

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on February 5, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 331, 2/2/2015; HB 372, 2/2/2015; HJ 3, 2/2/2015; SB 16,  
2/2/2015; SB 27, 2/2/2015

00:00:11 Chair Essmann designates Rep. Schreiner as chair for remainder of the meeting  
00:01:46 Chair Schreiner  
00:01:58 *Chair Essmann leaves*

**HEARING ON HB 372**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:07 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 372, Repeal national guard bonus program laws.  
00:04:10 Chair Schreiner

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:04:46 Rep. Garner  
  
00:05:11 Chair Schreiner, Recess  
00:08:08 Chair Schreiner, Reconvene

**HEARING ON HJ 3**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:38 Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HJ 3, Resolution to restore free and fair elections in America.

**EXHIBIT(sth26a01)**

00:21:34 Chair Schreiner

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:17 Will Yate, self  
00:26:15 Chair Schreiner  
00:26:33 Carole Mackin, self

**EXHIBIT(sth26a02)**

00:28:00 Chair Schreiner  
00:28:08 Ryan Clayton, Executive Director, Wolf-PAC  
00:33:11 Chair Schreiner  
00:33:24 Mark Mackin, self

**EXHIBIT(sth26a03)**

00:34:42 Chair Schreiner  
00:34:58 Elena Johnson, self  
00:35:06 Chair Schreiner  
00:35:13 Lee Grindinger, self  
00:35:41 Ashley Moon, self

00:36:01 Jessica Lahr, self  
00:36:14 Chair Schreiner  
00:36:18 Paige Cohn, self  
00:36:37 Pamela John, self  
00:38:04 Linda Greiner, self  
00:38:41 Chair Schreiner  
00:38:47 Cindy Williams, self  
00:40:32 Sara MacCalman, self  
00:41:23 Jon Rose, self  
00:42:33 Chair Schreiner

**EXHIBIT(sth26a04)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:43:02 Robert Brown, self  
00:47:42 Daniel Keder, self

**EXHIBIT(sth26a05)**

00:52:06 Chair Schreiner  
00:52:26 Ruth Costea, self  
00:54:27 Leonard Shumski, self  
00:55:09 Janis Gallison, self  
00:58:00 *Rep. Karjala arrives*  
00:59:43 Myrna Summers, self  
01:02:29 Susan Getz, self  
01:03:09 Chair Schreiner  
01:03:16 Chris Stevens, self  
01:07:38 Chair Schreiner  
01:07:44 Chris Stevens, self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:08:23 Rep. Garner  
01:08:56 Rep. Hill  
01:09:30 Rep. Garner  
01:09:40 Rep. Hill  
01:11:30 Rep. Garner  
01:12:41 Rep. Hill  
01:13:22 Rep. Garner  
01:13:51 Rep. Hill  
01:14:54 Rep. Mandeville  
01:15:47 Ryan Clayton, Wolf-PAC  
01:17:08 Chair Schreiner  
01:17:30 Rep. Mandeville  
01:17:38 Chair Schreiner  
01:17:50 Rep. Mandeville  
01:18:11 Ryan Clayton, Wolf-PAC  
01:19:50 Chair Schreiner  
01:19:56 Rep. McKamey  
01:20:29 Rep. Hill  
01:21:35 Ryan Clayton, Wolf-PAC

01:23:40 Rep. McKamey  
01:24:11 Ryan Clayton, Wolf-PAC  
01:26:17 Rep. McKamey  
01:26:29 Chair Schreiner  
01:26:40 Rep. Karjala  
01:27:13 Rep. Hill  
01:27:22 Rep. Karjala  
01:28:15 Rep. Hill  
01:28:33 Rep. Karjala  
01:28:44 Ryan Clayton, Wolf-PAC  
01:31:19 Rep. Karjala  
01:31:51 Rep. McKamey  
01:31:55 Chair Schreiner  
01:32:17 Rep. Karjala  
01:33:09 Ryan Clayton, Wolf-PAC  
01:33:43 Chair Schreiner  
01:33:58 Rep. Greef  
01:36:42 Rep. Hill  
01:37:42 Rep. Greef  
01:38:27 Rep. Hill  
01:38:57 Chair Schreiner  
01:39:02 Rep. Hayman  
01:40:21 Rep. Hill  
01:41:38 Rep. B. Brown  
01:42:57 Robert Brown, self  
01:45:03 Rep. Harris  
01:46:15 Chair Schreiner  
01:46:32 Rep. Harris  
01:46:45 Chair Schreiner  
01:47:05 Rep. Harris  
01:47:31 Chair Schreiner  
01:47:36 Ryan Clayton, Wolf-PAC  
01:49:49 Rep. Hill  
01:50:25 Rep. Lamm  
01:51:23 Robert Brown, self  
01:52:18 Chair Schreiner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:52:25 Rep. Hill  
01:53:53 Rep. Harris  
01:54:08 Chair Schreiner  
01:54:20 Rep. Hill

01:56:08 Chair Schreiner, Recess  
02:03:54 Chair Schreiner, Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 27****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:04:29 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 27, Revise agency oversight authority of interim committees.  
02:06:05 Chair Schreiner

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:06:19 Dave McAlpin, Montana Tax Appeal Board  
02:07:25 Chair Schreiner

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:07:54 Sen. D. Brown  
02:08:28 Chair Schreiner  
02:09:07 Rep. Karjala  
02:09:23 Chair Schreiner  
02:09:28 *Rep. Essmann returns*

**HEARING ON SB 16**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:09:40 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 16, Revise appointment process laws for commissioner of political practices.  
02:13:15 Chair Schreiner

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:13:39 Mark Mackin, self  
02:16:32 Chair Schreiner

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:16:51 Rep. Essmann  
02:18:02 Mark Mackin, self  
02:18:16 Rep. Mandeville  
02:19:05 Sen. D. Brown  
02:20:20 Rep. B. Bennett  
02:20:43 Sen. D. Brown  
02:21:15 Rep. B. Bennett  
02:21:29 Sen. D. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:22:30 Sen. D. Brown  
02:23:07 Chair Schreiner

**HEARING ON HB 331**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:23:39 Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 331, Remove the term "half breed" from signage and geological features in Montana.  
02:25:25 Chair Schreiner

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:25:35 Jason Smith, Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (OIA)  
02:26:46 Chair Schreiner  
02:26:54 Shane Morigeau, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

**EXHIBIT(sth26a06)**

02:29:16 Daniel Pocha, self  
02:31:33 Chair Schreiner  
02:31:46 John Gilbert, Little Shell Tribe  
02:33:49 Chair Schreiner  
02:33:57 Niki Zupanic, Public Policy Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)  
02:34:29 Chair Schreiner  
02:34:39 Gerald J. Gray Sr., Little Shell Tribe  
02:42:50 Chair Schreiner  
02:42:59 Dr. Nicholas Vrooman, Asst. Director, Montana Indian Language Preservation Pilot Program (MILP)  
02:47:30 Chair Schreiner

**EXHIBIT(sth26a07)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

02:47:58 Gerald Daumiller, Montana State Library (MSL)  
**EXHIBIT(sth26a08)**  
02:49:17 Rep. McKamey

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:48:48 Rep. McKamey  
02:49:27 Rep. Schwaderer  
02:50:15 Rep. McKamey  
02:50:42 Dr. Nicholas Vrooman, MILP  
02:53:32 Rep. McKamey  
02:53:55 Dr. Nicholas Vrooman, MILP  
02:54:20 Rep. Karjala  
02:54:56 Jason Smith, OIA  
02:55:22 Rep. B. Brown  
02:55:48 Gerald Daumiller, MSL  
02:56:39 Rep. B. Brown  
02:56:52 Gerald Daumiller, MSL  
02:56:54 Chair Schreiner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:57:02 Rep. Schwaderer

02:57:42 Chair Schreiner returns gavel to Rep. Essmann

02:57:53 Chair Essmann

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:58:45

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Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth26aad.pdf](#))**